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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (EO, TAGS, SUBJECT ADDED)

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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PGOV  
SUBJECT: COURTESY CALL ON ANDREAS PAPANDREOU

1. THIS MORNING I PAID A COURTESY CALL ON ANDREAS PAPANDREOU AT HIS HOME IN KASTRI. HAWK MILLS ACCOMPANIED ME AND A MEMBER OF THE PASOK SECRETARIAT ALSO SAT IN. AFTER PLEASANTRIES, WE WERE TREATED TO AN HOUR'S RUNDOWN ON PASOK'S PRINCIPLES AND GOALS WHICH PAPANDREOU THOUGHT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ME TO HAVE, EVEN THOUGH I MIGHT NOT AGREE WITH IT ALL OR FIND IT PLEASANT. THE FOLLOWING THREE POINTS WERE THE MOST INTERESTING; A FULLER ACCOUNT OF THE CONVERSATION WILL FOLLOW.

2. WHILE DISCUSSING PASOK'S SLOGAN OF ACHIEVING NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, PAPANDREOU GAVE A LONG HISTORY OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN GREEK AFFAIRS SINCE THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE, AND CHARGED DIRECT U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN 1967 IN GREECE AND IN  
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1974 IN CYPRUS. HE SAID THAT BASED ON AVAILABLE EVIDENCE IT WAS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT CIA HAD NOT PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE WHEN THE COLONELS PULLED OFF THEIR COUP IN 1967. HE SAID HE HAD ALSO SEEN CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT JOE SISCO HAD BEEN THE KEY FIGURE IN GREEK VENUS PLAN AND TURKISH ATILLA PLAN WHICH HAD LED TO THE PRESENT CYPRUS DISASTER. I TOLD HIM THAT AS ONE WHO HAD FOLLOWED THOSE DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY, BOTH FROM

NICOSIA AND WASHINGTON, I KNEW FOR A FACT THAT HIS CONCLUSIONS WERE UNJUSTIFIED AND THAT I WOULD LIKE ON SOME FUTURE OCCASION TO DISCUSS THESE AND OTHER POINTS WHERE WE DISAGREED.

3. IN DISCUSSING FINANCING OF PASOK, WHICH HE SAID NOW NUMBERS 38,000 MEMBERS, PAPANDREOU DENIED THAT HIS MOVEMENT ACCEPTS CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ABROAD "AS OTHER PARTIES DO." HE CLAIMED PASOK'S ENTIRE BUDGET COMES FROM MEMBERSHIP DUES, FUND DRIVES, BENEFITS, ETC.

4. WHEN JUST BEFORE LEAVING, I RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE FORGED TELEGRAM HE HAD INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT, PAPANDREOU TO ME SURPRISE SAID HE WAS SORRY THAT HAD HAPPENED. HE HAD RECEIVED THE TELEGRAM FROM "A GOOD SOURCE" AND ON ITS FACE IT LOOKED GENUINE, BUT HE HAD NOT VOUCHERED FOR ITS AUTHENTICITY WHICH HE TOLD PARLIAMENT HE DID NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF CHECKING.

5. COMMENT: THROUGHOUT OUR 75 MINUTE MEETING, PAPANDREOU SPOKE CALMLY AND PROFESSIONALLY AND WAS CLEARLY ON HIS BEST BEHAVIOR. HE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO MEET AGAIN AND OFFERED TO DO MORE LISTENING AND LESS TALKING.  
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